

offered by the State Governments of all coastal states including Orissa. After recommendation by the Site Selection Committee, the sites have to be approved by the Government and cleared by statutory agencies.

Nuclear power through private sector

104. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought reforms in nuclear power sector through private sector participation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A proposal to amend the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to enable private sector participation in nuclear power generation in the country has been under consideration of the Government. However, no final decision has been taken.

Selling of Uranium to India

105. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australia has agreed in principle to sell Uranium to India;

(b) if so, the details of the move;

(c) whether any request has been made to this extent by India to Australia;

(d) whether it is also true that Australia putting some conditions to sell Uranium to India;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the conditions affect India's prospects of getting Uranium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Government has no information about any decision, in principle, by Australia to sell Uranium to India.